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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Suzanne Sutherland
Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 7:10 PM
To: PSC_Contact
Subject: [External] Comments for Docket 2019-224-E and 2019-225-E Reject Duke's IRPs

Dear South Carolina PSC,

-time customer of Duke Energy and contributor to their alternative energy initiative which has added about \$1000 to my bill over the years, I strongly urge you to reject Duke Energy's 2020 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) for the Carolinas.

The IRP prevents us from moving toward 100% renewable energy by 2050, lacks funding for economic justice and frontline communities, and re-commits us all to fossil fuels, wrongly citing a lack of clean energy technology. It is now well established that solar and other alternative energy solutions are not only the cleanest, but also the most cost-effective energy choice.

A recent study from Energy Innovations showed that the Carolinas could boost renewable energy to 66% in North Carolina and 57% in South Carolina by 2035, all while decreasing costs to ratepayers. On the other hand, analysis by Energy Transition Institute found that climate commitments and climate impacts would render \$4.8 billion in fossil fuel plant investments unusable, or \$900 per Carolina customer in today's dollars. We cannot afford these ill-conceived plans.

Clearly, Duke is choosing to invest in soon-to-be stranded assets, putting profit above the people and our planet.

It is long past time to invest in clean energy, which creates good, clean energy jobs, a stronger economy, a safer community, and a healthier planet. That is the direction we need to move in, and I want our energy provider to know it.

Please reject Duke's IRP in favor of a plan that puts clean energy and climate justice at the forefront and help us to boost our economy while committing to preserve the earth for humanity's future.

Sincerely,
 Suzanne Sutherland

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